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**Subject:** House Science Committee/transparency

Hi, Lisa, Rep. Lamar Smith, chair of the House Science, Space and Tech Committee, today accused the EPA of not being transparent regarding its recent release of documents. I just wanted to see if I could get your comment.

He specifically said this:

"In addition to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, I have asked that the head of EPA's contractor, Environmental Restoration LLC, appear at the Committee's hearing on Sept. 9. Both parties should be prepared to be more forthcoming with Congress than EPA has been up to this point. Releasing key pieces of information in the dead of night on a Friday is not exactly the model of transparency. The public deserves to know why the EPA ignored the contractor's concerns and forged ahead with this project."

Thanks very much,

Valerie

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